THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 20th March 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.

*83 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. P. Thangavelu is not in his place. The answer to his question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI S. P. THANGAVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state when the Government propose to introduce the system of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government are not in a position now to state it."

Lorries owned by Producers-cum-Consumers' Societies in Malabar.

* 84 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Producers-cum-Consumers' Societies in Malabar own lorries ; and

(*b*) how many of them are registered as public carriers?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) Sixty societies own 73 lorries in all.

" (*b*) Nine lorries are registered as public carriers."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the buying and selling of lorries is a racket on societies and that public money is used for the purpose and may I know whether the Hon. Minister will please enquire into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" It has not come to the notice of the Government. I take the information from the hon. Member and will certainly enquire into the whole affair."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the procurement system has been abolished and the societies find that there is no work for their lorries, will the Government be pleased to allow them to register the lorries as public carriers? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" It is a fact that there is not sufficient work for those lorries. Proposals have been received by the Government either to dispose of the lorries or register them as public carriers."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" My question was to the effect, whether the Government will allow them to register these lorries as public carriers. The Hon. Minister has simply given the information and not answered my question."

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" If the hon. Member had listened to my answer to part (b) of the original question, he would not have repeated the question. It contains the information that some lorries have already been registered as public carriers. We have no objection to register any further number of them."

Handloom Weavers' Relief Scheme in Cuddapah district.

* 85 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many weavers have been benefited in Cuddapah district through the Handloom Weavers' Relief Scheme in the first quarter year of the relief period;

(b) how many weavers have been admitted into and paid share capital in the Weavers' Co-operative Societies under the above relief scheme in the said district; and

(c) the total amount of wages that have been paid for work under the relief scheme in Cuddapah district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Six hundred and six weavers.

" (b) Only 67 weavers joined the societies under the scheme though 349 new weavers were permitted to be admitted.

" (c) A sum of Rs. 5,631–8–0 was paid as wages up to 30th September 1952."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" ప్రశ్న వేస్తున్నానండి. అందు ఈ పెద్ద జనాభాలో రిలీఫును గురించి ఇప్పుడు చెప్పిన సంఖ్యలనుబట్టి ఈ రిలీఫు స్కీము ఫైల్యూరుగ (failure) పరిగణించవచ్చునా? దీని స్థానే మరొక నిజమైన రిలీఫు స్కీమును పెట్టుటకై ఆలోచిస్తారా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We do not consider that the relief scheme is a failure. Evidently, some other factor more powerful than even the influence of the hon. Member and the Government, is preventing the workers from coming into the fold."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know whether the Government have taken any decision on the suggestion made by the High Power Handloom Committee to give at least a minimum wage of 6 annas per knot and also allow the handloom weavers to form into new co-operative societies under the relief scheme?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member must be aware that the recommendation of the High Power Committee is to pay the prevailing wage or 6 annas whichever is favourable. In many parts the wage level is 3½ annas, 4 annas